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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS GOM STATEMENT ON DIEGO GARCIA

1. KUALA LUMPUR STRAITS TIMES FEB 7 GAVE GACK-PAGE PLACEMENT WITH MAP OF STORY HEADLINED QUOTE MALAYSIA DEPLORES NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN UNQUOTE. TEXT OF STORY FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: THE GOVT HAS DEPLORED INCREASE OF NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN BY THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES FORCES. A FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON A REPORT THAT BRITAIN AND THE US HAD AGREED TO EXPAND MILITARY FACILITIES ON DIEGO GARCIA ISLAND IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, SAID INNER QUOTE WE CAN ONLY EXPRESS REGRET THAT THE MILITARY FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA ARE BEING EXPANDED PARTICULARLY WHEN EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO ELIMINATE NAVAL COMPETITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND TO MAKE THE OCEAN A ZONE OF PEACE. AS IS KNOWN, MALAYSIA, TOGETHER WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, SEEKS TO KEEP THE INDIAN OCEAN FREE FROM ALL FOREIGN NAVAL ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY SUCH ACTIVITY CONCEIVED IN THE CONTEXT OF MAJOR POWER RIVALRY, AND DEPLORES THE INCREASE OF ALL SUCH NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN END INNER AND OUTER QUOTES.

2. PAGE 2 STORY DATELINED LONDON REPORTS CONFIRMATION OF DECISION TO EXPAND DIEGO GARCIA FACILITIES IN PARLIAMENT FEB 5 AND GIVES STRAIGHTFORWARD SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND OF DECISION.
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